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IRIAN CABINET WHICH INCLUDES TEN IN PNG

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1. SUMMARY: ANNOUNCEMENT BY WEST IRIAN REBELS OF FORMATION
OF "CABINET" INCLUDING TEN "MINISTERS" WHO ARE NATURALIZED
PNG CITIZENS OR HERE ON PERMISSIVE RESIDENCE FIRST BROUGHT
INDONESIAN PROTEST AND THEN AN EXCEPTIONALLY STRONG PUBLIC
STATEMENT BY FONMIN OLEWALE WHO: 1) REAFFIRMED PNG
RECOGNITION OF IRIAN JAYA AS INTEGRAL PART OF INDONESIA;
2) THREATENED TO PROSECUTE THOSE CONTRAVENING PNG LAW;
3) STATED PERMISSIVE RESIDENCY OF THOSE ACTING TO STRAIN
PNG/INDONESIAN RELATIONS IN CONTRAVENTION OF CONDITIONS OF
RESIDENCY WOULD HAVE RESIDENCY REVOKED; AND 4) PROMISED
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INVESTIGATION OF CLAIM NATURALIZED PNG CITIZENS IN NEW
REBEL CABINET, A SUBJECT OF "UTMOST GRAVITY". END
SUMMARY.

2. LOCAL PRESS OF APRIL 17 REPORTED THAT A CABINET FOR
THE "DE FACTO GOVERNMENT OF WEST PAPUA" HAD BEEN ANNOUNCED
JOINTLY IN DELFT, HOLLAND, AND MARKAS PEMKA, IRIAN JAYA,

BY NICOLAAS JOUWE AND JACOB PRAI, RESPECTIVELY. TEN OF THE NEW MINISTERS ARE EITHER NATURALIZED PNG CITIZENS OR PERMISSIVE RESIDENTS IN PNG. TWO MINISTERS, DR. DARIUS MAURY AND AMOS INDEY ARE IN JAIL IN PORT MORESBY (REFTTEL). OTHERS WHO ARE PNG BASED ARE ALFIUS JOKU, DR. ADOLF SAWERI, MARTHINUS KAMBU, WILHELM ZONGGONAO, ESAU ITAAR, DR. PETER PANKATANA, MOSES WEROR AND DR. AMBROSE SUEBU.

3. INDONESIAN EMBASSY HERE PROMPTLY MADE STRONG REPRESENTATIONS TO GPNG. ON APRIL 18 FONMIN OLEWALE ISSUED A POINTED STATEMENT THAT "CERTAIN PERSONS" APPEARED TO BE ATTEMPTING TO: 1) USE PNG AS A BASE FOR PROMOTING AN INDEPENDENT WEST PAPUA, 2) SPREAD THEIR PROPAGANDA; AND, 3) STRAIN PNG'S RELATIONS WITH INDONESIA. OLEWALE CONTINUED, STATING, "THE GOVERNMENT OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA REGARDS, AND WILL CONTINUE TO REGARD, IRIAN JAYA AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF INDONESIA...MY GOVERNMENT WILL NOT ALLOW ANY PURPORTED 'NEW REBEL CABINET' TO ESTABLISH ITSELF IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA NOR TO USE PAPUA NEW GUINEA AS A BASE FOR ITS ACTIVITIES." OLEWALE WARNED THAT: 1) ANY PERSON ASSISTING AN ORGANIZATION IN CONTRAVENTION OF LAW WOULD BE PROSECUTED AND NON CITIZENS SO CONVICTED WOULD BE LIABLE TO DEPORTATION; 2) PERMISSIVE RESIDENTS INVOLVED IN POLITICAL OR OTHER ACTIVITIES CALCULATED TO STRAIN PNG/INDONESIAN RELATIONS WOULD FIND ENTRY PERMITS SUBJECT TO REVOCATION OR NON-RENEWAL; AND, 3) THE CLAIM THAT NATURALIZED UNCLASSIFIED

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CITIZENS ARE MEMBERS OF THE NEW REBEL CABINET WOULD BE FULLY INVESTIGATED. FINALLY, MINISTER SAID HE VIEWED POSSIBLE INCLUSION OF NATURALIZED CITIZENS IN ANY SUCH "CABINET" AS A MATTER OF THE "UTMOST GRAVITY". COMMENT: WHILE NO SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES IN PNG POLICY IS EVIDENT, GPNG HAS SELDOM SPOKEN AS SHARPLY OR APPEARED SO DETERMINED TO IMPLEMENT ITS ANNOUNCED POLICY WITH RESPECT TO IRIAN JAYAN ACTIVITIES HERE. SEPTTEL WILL FOLLOW. OLMSTED

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